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TOPIC Military Information from the Wustrow AA Firing Range

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25X1 1. Between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. during the period from 20 June to 4 July 1952, firing of AA guns was heard at the AA firing range at Wustrow (M 55/0 51) but at varying hours of the day. The individual firing practices lasted from 30 to 120 minutes. There was no firing practice during the nights. A twin-engine monoplane flying at an altitude from 1,200 to 1,500 meters approached the firing range from the east and [redacted] lowered a sleeve target a short way off the Wustrow peninsula. Source observed that the plane circled over the training area 10 to 20 times before the firing began. Occasionally, he saw that the firing began when the aircraft approached the firing range for the third or fourth time. The AA guns usually fired three volleys (three shots per gun per volley) at intervals of from 3 to 4 seconds at the towed target. Between 19 and 20 detonations were usually heard in the air. Fourteen detonations constituted the minimum heard and 25 were the maximum. The firing took place except when it rained. When the sky was overcast, the aircraft flew above the cloud base and was also fired at. Source heard rapid fire of six shots each several times but no detonations were heard although the plane flew at the usual altitude. On 2 July, 5 trucks, including 3 towing 85-mm AA guns, 1 truck mounting a light AA gun and 1 truck with a one-axle trailer proceeded from the AAA firing range to Rerik.

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* [redacted] Comment. It is interesting that besides routine practice firing, firing at invisible targets probably by means of radar controlled devices was conducted. A

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